

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4420
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DIGGING OF TELEPHONE LINES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the guidelines, if any, laid down in regard to digging up to a certain depth while laying telephone cables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are aware that the same are not being followed while laying telephone cables in Churu district during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the location-wise details of digging undertaken for laying telephone cable during the last three years;
- (e) whether complaints have been received to the effect that the payment has already been made by some officials as per the rule in cases where the guidelines were violated; and
- (f) the action taken on such complaints?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

- (a) & (b): As per the existing guidelines telephone cables are to be normally laid at a depth of one metre.
- (c) No, Sir. The Guidelines on telephone cable laying are being strictly followed everywhere except one complaint which had been received in this regard.
- (d) Location-wise details of digging in Churu District.
 - i) Sujangarh (Town) - 24.556 Kms
 - ii) Bhimsar- Khadaya - 14.884 Kms
 - iii) Kalhasar-Lalpur -
 - iv) Bimsar (Exch Area) - 4.107 Kms
 - v) Salasar (Town) - 5.584 Kms
 - vi) Chariya Village - 8.486 Kms

Total-57.617 Kms
- (e) Yes, Sir. One such complaint had been received.
- (f) Disciplinary action against the suspected official has been initiated and action regarding recovery of overpayment against the contractor is in process.